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> STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

CATHERINE A. OLUBUMMO, RN

Administrative Action

License # 26NO07651000

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

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## FINDINGS OF FACT

- Catherine A. Olubummo ("Respondent") is a Registered 1. Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all relevant times.
- 2. The New Jersey Board of Nursing received a report indicating that in or about November 2009, the New York Board for Nursing disciplined Respondent's New York licenses to practice as a Registered Nurse and a Nurse Practitioner. The

New York Order imposed: a two year suspension with one month active to commence on January 1, 2010, and twenty-three months stayed; two years of probation; and a one thousand dollar (\$1000) fine.

- 3. Respondent failed to self-report to the New Jersey Board of Nursing that she had been the subject of a disciplinary action by another Board.
- 4. On or about May 12, 2011, Respondent completed her biennial license renewal application. The renewal application contains a question which asks "Since your last renewal [on or about May 31, 2009] has any action been taken ... against your professional license ... by any other licensing authority that you have not already reported to your board ...?" Respondent answered "no" on the renewal and certified that answer to be true by submitting the online application.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board finds that Respondent engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, deception, or misrepresentation within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) by certifying on her 2011 New Jersey license renewal application that no action had been taken by another authority when, in fact, the New York Board of Nursing had taken action against her license during the relevant time period.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.9, a licensee shall immediately notify the Board if he or she is the subject of any disciplinary action by any state board. Respondent failed to self-report the New York board action to the New Jersey Board. Accordingly, the Board finds Respondent has misrepresented her status in her renewal application and failed to comply with a regulation administered by the Board, and is thus subject to discipline within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

## DISCUSSION

Based foregoing findings the and conclusions, Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") imposing a reprimand and a \$500.00 civil penalty for failing to report a sister state action, and corresponding false answer on her license renewal application, was entered on July 16, 2014. The POD was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Ms. Olumbummo responded to the POD by simply sending a money order for \$500.00. Therefore the Board has determined the POD should be finalized without modification.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this day of

2015,

ORDERED that:

- 1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for Respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).
- 2. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) is imposed upon Respondent. Payment shall be made by money order, bank cashier check or certified check, made payable to the State of New Jersey or by wire transfer, direct deposit or credit card payment delivered or mailed to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making payment. Payment shall be due no later than fifteen (15) days after the filing of this Final Order of Discipline. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy,

Board President